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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE-MARCH 1, 1976

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS IN UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING ON MARCH 1. THIS SESSION CONCLUDED THE GENERAL DEBATE AND THE COMMITTEE ENTERED INTO INFORMAL SESSION TO CONSIDER GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP (REPORTED IN SEPTTEL).

2. JOINT INSPECTION UNIT, JIU CHAIRMAN, JHA (INDIA) MADE LONG RAMBLING STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF NIEO, CERDS, ETC., AS BASIS FOR ALL FUTURE UN ACTION. "STRENGTHENING" OF SECRETARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WOULD BE BEST MEANS FOR IMPROVING UN SYSTEM COORDINATION. EXCEPT FOR WHO AND ILO, MOST OF UN SYSTEM HAS BEEN TOO SLOW IN IMPLEMENTING MANDATES FOR DECENTRALIZATION. JHA STRONGLY URGED INCREASING INTERNAL EVALUATION CAPABILITIES OF UN ORGANS AND CONFIRMED BERTRAND'S PRIOR STATEMENT THAT JIU COULD PERFORM EXTERNAL EVALUATION WITH INCREASE STAFF AND INSPECTORS.

3. GHANA AND ARGENTINA. BRIEF STATEMENTS ECHOING G-77 THEMES. THEY EMPHASIZED POLITICAL ASPECTS OF UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CONSIDERED UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERTS' REPORT AS GOOD STARTING POINT. ARGENTINA

STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN DECISIONS AND ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION, PERHAPS THROUGH IMPROVED COORDINATION AND EVALUATION.

4. UNCTAD. STATEMENT BY SYG COREA IS BEING REPORTED IN SEPTEL.

5. PAKISTAN (AKHUND). HE INDICATED THAT HE IS REASSURED BY THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE SPECIAL SESSION CONSENSUS AS SEEN IN THE IMF JAMAICA AGREEMENTS AND THE HOPEFUL START OF THE CIEC. HE ENDORSED THE CHAIMAN'S LISTING OF FOUR MAIN PROBLEM AREAS, INDICATING INTEREST TEMPRED BY CAUTION REGARDING THE EXPERTS' PROPOSALS FOR EACH OF THESE AREAS. OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE USG, HE NOTED THE ABSENCE OF A MECHANISM FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM EVALUATION AND SAID THE ACABQ NEEDS TO BE ENLARGED.

6. INTERAGENCY AFFAIRS AND COORDINATION. USYG NARISIMHAN'S STATEMENT DEALT WITH RESTRUCTURING AND COORDINATION. HE INDICATED THE NEED FOR "FIRMNESS AND POLITICAL WILL...TO OVERCOME THE VESTED INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENTS" RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UN SYSTEM POLICIES, THE LACK OF MAJOR EFFORT TO RATIONALIZE THE REGIONAL STRUCTURE DESPITE REPEATED STUDIES, AND THE POSSIBILITY WITHIN THE EXISTING SYSTEM TO GREATLY IMPROVE ITS COHESION AND EFFECTIVENESS.
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